



**Seminole County Mosquito Control
Regular Meeting of the
Advisory Board
Bldg 149 Bush Loop, 5-Points
Sanford, Florida 32773
July 10, 2008
10:00 AM
MINUTES**



Call to Order

10:00 a.m. by Horvath

1) Roll Call / Report

Present:

Mike Insley, City of Altamonte Springs

City of Altamonte Springs sprayed for the 4th of July event.

Steve Spenser, City of Casselberry

Work orders seem to be working well. He is truck spraying on Thursdays if there are enough calls. Will let the County know when they will and also after the fact.

Dave Dovan, City of Lake Mary

Work orders working well. Has not received many mosquito related complaint calls.

Ryan Spinella, Longwood

Has not received many mosquito related complaint calls. The City is larviciding some catch basins and will send the County a list of these areas. Spinella does not believe these conflict with the County treated areas. Horvath stated that he would like these areas ASAP, as it may be possible that we are doing some too.

Vincent Peluso, City of Oviedo

Pelluso stated that the City id referign all calls to us. He will have a link on the City's website directing the residents to the County's telephone number and website.

Joe Litton, on behalf of Bilal Iftikhar, City of Sanford

Stated that the midge project for the 4th of July worked well. He has not checked into the light traps for Horvath yet. But will ASAP.

Allan Hill, City of Winter Springs

Hill said the trap counts in his City are far lower than they have ever been at this time of the year. He expressed that the larviciding is producing great results. Hill stated that the calls are numerous, but the traps are low. Horvath stated that the higher number of calls could be related to the higher public information about the Program and now residents know who to call. The County's Program has had a lot of media attention this year. Hill stated that he may begin fogging point sources rather than the entire City limits. Horvath agreed that this is a good approach and endorses this. Hill would like our proposed spray areas so he can coordinate his spray nights. Horvath stated that this is what we should be doing.

Edward Horvath, Mosquito Control Program Manager

Horvath expressed the need for better communications between this committee and each Commission. He stated that some City Commissions and City Managers are confused as to where we are with the progression of the Program. Each City Rep stated that they are fully aware, however some City Commissions and Managers

The educational outreach and website are doing well. The County is still on schedule and will be receiving additional funds from the State. The County may have an additional, new fogger for next year. The County needs additional sources from the Cities for source reduction purposes. Horvath will propose major source reduction projects in the future with State funds.

The work orders are working well. Horvath stated that the County is not truck spraying at this time due to the low trap counts. Horvath stated that he feel that the concentration of efforts on the major sources have lowered the mosquito counts.

Karl Henry, Seminole County Health Department

Stated that the coordinated efforts are looking good. Thanked Horvath for the Sentinel Chicken surveillance program.

Also Present:

Owen Reagan, Roads and Stormwater, Seminole County

Absent:

Sheri Holt, Program Specialist

2) Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Litton and seconded by Hill. 8 yes, 0 No, 0 abstain, 0 absent. **Motion passed.**

3) Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of June 11, 2008 by Dovan and seconded by Litton. 8 yes, 0 No, 0 abstain, 0 absent. **Motion passed.**

4) Old Business

i) What do the Cities need from the County regarding mosquito control?

Horvath asked if there was anything needed to better coordinate the consolidation efforts. It was agreed that the Work Orders are working great. Horvath stated that follow-up from the County may be slowed down because we are receiving more than expected number of calls.

ii) Consolidated Program Outlook

Horvath explained the maps provided. The 1st one is the County zones. This map is on the website the hope that this clarifies when we inspect various areas of the County. The 2nd is an example of what will be posted on the website when an area is scheduled for either truck spraying or aerial missions. The 3rd is the map that was posted on our site for the aerial mission conducted by the City of Sanford as an example. Horvath hopes to be able to do this for truck spraying by each City in addition to the County's missions.

Horvath reiterated that all calls should be routed to the County regarding mosquito control. We need to eliminate the calls being taken by each City. For the most part, most Cities are doing this, however there are occasional calls not routed to us, and we do not receive enough information. Some City residents are informing us that they are told by the City offices that the County does everything. Horvath reiterated that we need to make sure all staff knows the procedures.

iii) Mosquito Control Code

Horvath stated that he has presented the Department Director a request for County Attorney opinion regarding adding mosquito sources as a nuisance. The Code change will forbid residents from allowing mosquitoes to knowingly allow mosquitoes to breed on their properties. Horvath will keep this committee advised of the progress.

5) New Business

i) Communication between the Committee and Commissions

Horvath asked if anyone is having problems communicating the progress or other issues that are coming from this committee to their respective Commissions. Some City's Charters do not allow for these representatives to contact the City Manager of Commissions. Horvath said that there has been confusion at the Commission level. Horvath is willing to forward Minutes to the City Managers and Commissions if this is what is needed to keep the Politicians informed. Horvath also stated that he is working on a PowerPoint presentation to present to each City and County Commission related to the progress of the Program, what we are doing, what we are not doing and what are the next planned steps. Horvath hopes to present to the Commissions within the next month or two.

ii) Aerial Operations

Horvath explained that the media took the Public Notice for Aerial Mosquito Control Operations and condensed it to a point where residents were confused to what, where and why we would do aerial missions. Horvath explained that Notice was published to meet State legal needs. Aerial missions will be conducted if needed, where needed, to treat for mosquito larvae. The targeted areas will be large wet areas, in the rural parts of the County. We will base the treatments on the priority of the source and use the airplane when it would take less time and cost the County less to do it than spending hours treating by ground. Horvath was interviewed July 3rd regarding aerial spraying for mosquitoes by Channel 2 to clarify the misconception. There will be no larviciding by airplane over homes.

Adjournment

Horvath adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Next Regular Meeting: August 14, 2008 at 10:00 A.M.